

SENATE BILL 9028

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AN ACT amend Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to
COVID-19 requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, is amended by adding the following
as a new chapter:

48-104-101.

(a) A publicly traded corporation that operates in this state shall not require patrons or customers to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or post-infection recovery to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the corporation's operations in this state. This subsection (a) does not otherwise restrict a publicly traded corporation from instituting screening protocols consistent with authoritative or controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

(b) The department of commerce and insurance shall impose a civil penalty of no more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation of subsection (a).

(c) This section does not apply to facilities licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to title 68, chapter 11.

(d) The department of commerce and insurance may promulgate rules to implement this section.

(e) As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including any mutation of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.